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LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS (LRIT)

**MEASURES REQUIRED TO FULFIL THE FUNCTIONS OF THE LRIT
CO-ORDINATOR**

<i>Executive Summary:</i>	this document contains information on LRIT start up funding, the planned LRIT fee structure, the LRIT business plan, the functions of the LRIT Co-ordinator, and the budgetary implications
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	to note the information provided
<i>Related documents:</i>	AC/19/6.1

1 BACKGROUND

The Assembly, at its Nineteenth (Extraordinary) Session, noted information from the Director on LRIT start up funding, the planned LRIT fee structure, the LRIT business plan, the functions of the LRIT Co-ordinator, and the budgetary implications. Assembly 19 also noted that the Director will continue to refine the Budget for LRIT, will endeavour to find appropriate sources of funding for the start up of LRIT, and will report on a regular basis to the Advisory Committee on all aspects of LRIT (Assembly/19/8, paragraph 6.2).

2 START UP FUNDING

2.1 Since the decision of the Assembly that: "*... the Organization may assume the functions and duties of the LRIT Co-ordinator with effect from 7 March 2007, at no cost to Parties, in accordance with decisions of IMO, where Article 4 of the amended Convention will be applied on a provisional*

basis", the Director has met with representatives of many Member States, regional organizations and industry, to press the case for the provision of start-up funds to enable the Organization to undertake the roles assigned to in relation to LRIT.

2.2 Until now, IMSO has received donations or promises of money or in kind from two Member States, and has been offered a contract to advise one regional organization on the requirements for implementing LRIT within its region of responsibility. These three sources of funding are expected to cover the cost of the Deputy Director's attendance at meetings of the IMO *Ad Hoc* Working Group on Engineering Aspects of LRIT (London, Malta and Hamburg) and the IMO MSC Intersessional Working Group on LRIT. The Director is not currently aware of any further sources of funding that are likely to become available before the October meeting of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 83).

3 LRIT CHARGES AND FEE STRUCTURE

The Directorate has considered how IMSO might charge for the work it undertakes as LRIT Co-ordinator. Some information on this subject is provided in AC/19/6.1 – submission to MSC 83. The Director will be in a position to provide full information on the intended charges and fee structure, and the resulting LRIT Business Plan, for consideration by the Advisory Committee, when funding is available to allow the Directorate to undertake further work on LRIT.

4 ROLE OF THE LRIT CO-ORDINATOR

Document AC/19/6.1 provides a detailed analysis as to how IMSO intends to undertake the role of LRIT Co-ordinator, based on the Performance Standard, Technical Specifications and other published requirements of IMO.

5 BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The budgetary implications of IMSO undertaking the role of LRIT Co-ordinator are dealt with in document AC/19/4 "Directorate Activities" in which the Committee is invited to agree the illustrative LRIT budget for 2007, which was previously noted by the Committee and the Assembly. The budget for future years will be refined in due course.